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SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX IN JANUARY - PRELIMINARY
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1. SUMMARY: PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE FOR JAN PRODUCTION INDEX
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) INDICATES ANOTHER SHARP DECLINE IN
JAPAN'S OUTPUT WHILE DROP OF SHIPMENTS SLOWED DOWN SLIGHTLY.
AS RESULT, INVENTORY INDEX DECLINED FROM DEC LEVEL. END
SUMMARY.

2. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE FOR JAN PRODUCTION INDEX OF MINING
AND MANUFACTURING SHOWS CONTINUED DECLINE, WITH SHARP 4.2
PERCENT DROP FROM DEC ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS. NEWS
FOLLOWS RECENT DOWNWARD REVISION OF DEC PRODUCTION INDEX
TO 4.7 PERCENT DROP. IN JAN, ONLY TWO SECTORS OF INDUSTRY,
NONFERROUS METALS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT, INCREASED
PRODUCTION; SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PRODUC-
TION OF CHEMICALS (DOWN 10.4 PERCENT), ELECTRIC MACHINERY
(DOWN 9.2 PERCENT), AND CERAMICS, STONE AND CLAY
PRODUCTS (DOWN 8.1 PERCENT). IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION
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DROPPED BY 2.8 PERCENT FROM DEC LEVEL.

3. PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS OF MINING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES DECLINED 2.5 PERCENT IN JAN, AS COMPARED TO A SHARP DROP OF 4.9 PERCENT RECORDED IN PRIOR MONTH. INVENTORIES DECLINED BY 1.4 PERCENT FROM DEC LEVEL AFTER ELEVEN CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY RISES; HOWEVER, INVENTORIES TO SHIPMENTS RATIO INCREASED BY 1.1 PERCENT OVER DEC.

4. SINCE SEPT MINING AND MANUFACTURING OUTPUT HAS DECREASED 11.9 PERCENT, WITH RESPECTIVE DECLINES IN FOUR LATEST MONTHS AS FOLLOWS: OCT, 1.5; NOV, 2.1; DEC, 4.7; JAN, 4.2

5. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY MITI DATA ON JAN INDUSTRIAL

PRODUCTION INDICES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, 1970-100). DEC REVISED FIGURES PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED IN TOKYO 2330.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICES 1970-100	JAN 75 PRELIMINARY	PERCENT DEC 74	DECREASE
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION:			
ALL INDUSTRIES	109.8	114.2	3.9
PUBLIC UTILITIES	130.5	129.8	PLUS 0.5
MINING & MANUFACTURING	109.0	113.8	4.2
MINING	73.9	74.9	1.3
MANUFACTURING	109	114.1	4.1
MINING & MANUFACTURING EXCLUDING SHIPS	107.4	112.7	4.7

PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS:

ALL INDUSTRIES	112.4	115.0	2.3
MINING & MANUFACTURING	111.5	114.4	2.5
MANUFACTURING	111.7	114.6	2.5
MANUFACTURING EXCLUDING SHIPS	111.0	113.1	1.9

PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF
FINISHED GOODS:

MINING & MANUFACTURING	167.3	169.7	1.4
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MINING	57.8	53.0	PLUS 9.1
MANUFACTURING	167.8	170.3	1.5
RATIO OF INVENTORY TO SHIPMENTS			
	150.0	148.3	PLUS 1.1
RATIO OF INVENTORY TO SHIP- MENTS EXCLUDING SHIPS			
	150.7	150.0	PLUS 0.5

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